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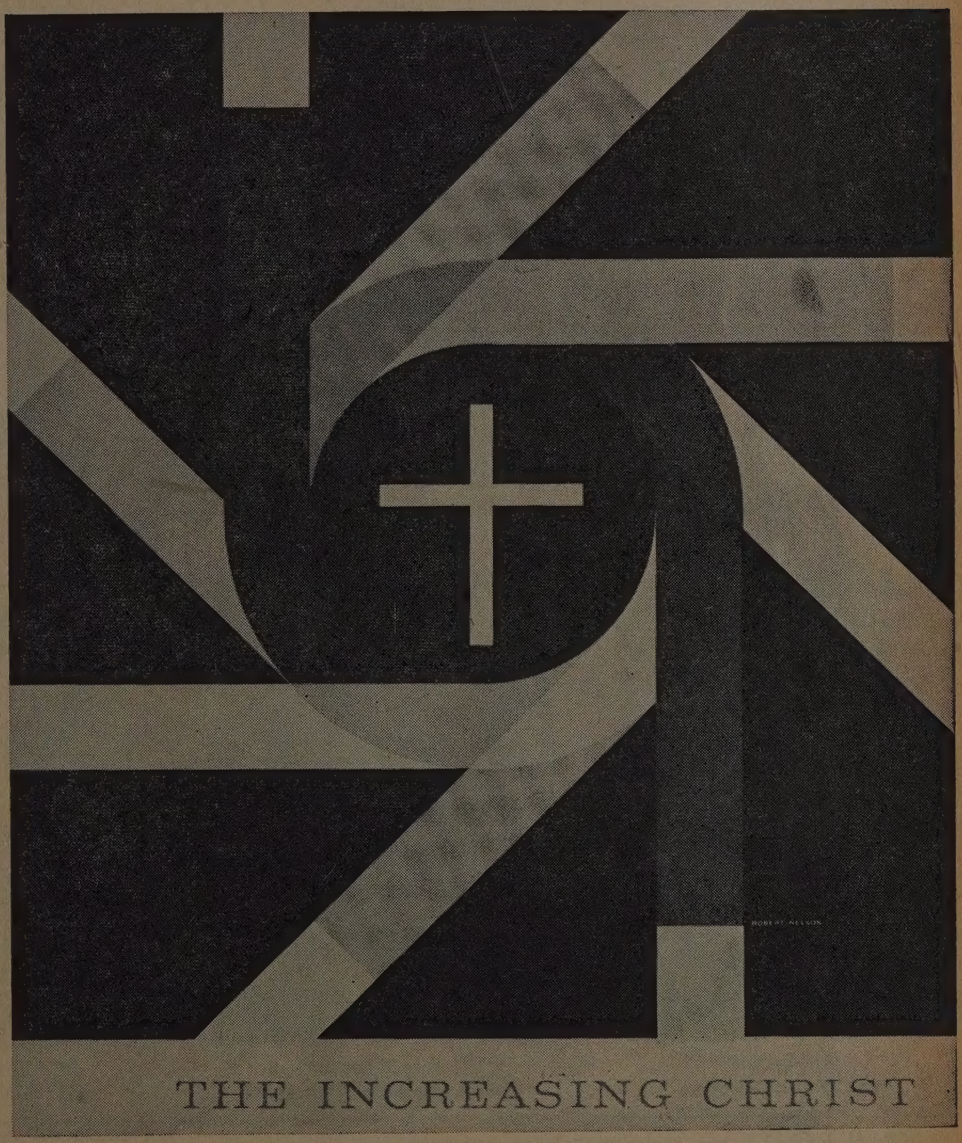

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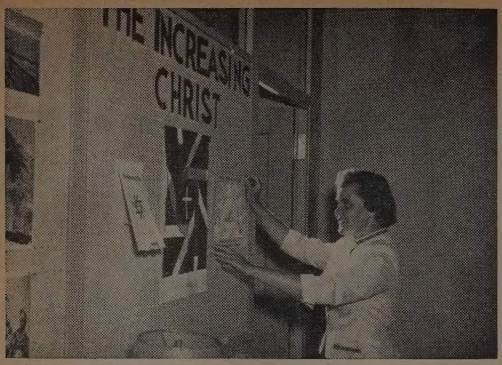

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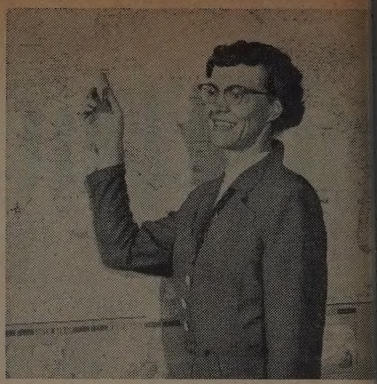

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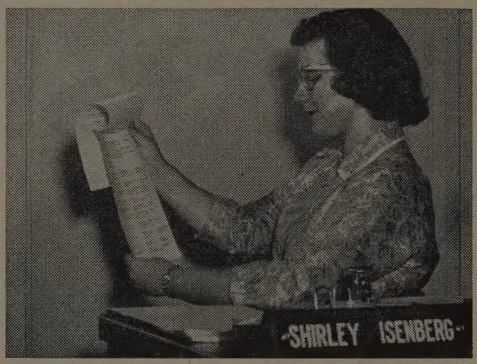

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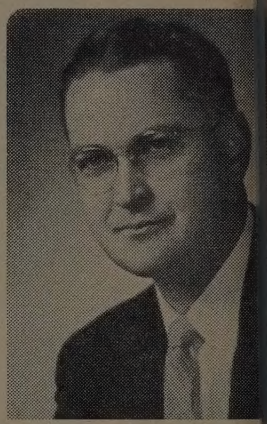

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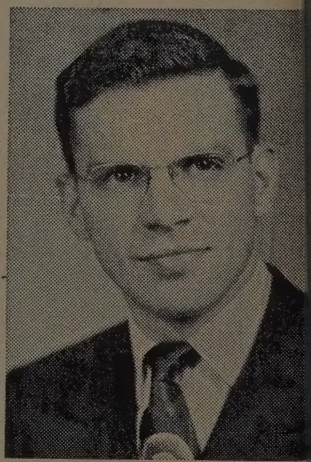

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Christ Increases Through the Luther League

Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?

Carroll L. Hinderlie
Executive Secretary

In this annual Luther League issue of our official church paper, we have wanted you to hear from the past leaders of the youth movement in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. You have but to look at the Church today, as Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker reminds us in his article, to see where we have been in the Youth Movement. Certainly we have been on our knees; we have been in God's Word; with sympathy and concern we have been in the battle where youth are found in the midst of their difficulties and problems. We have been pastors, teachers, parents, and friends in the fellowship of concern which is Christ's Church.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, and long-suffering—not least that genial kind of long-suffering which is always the basis of successful work with youth—have been evident in our history as a Luther League. Next year we will be forty years old. It is an interesting time to look back and see how God has used us as part of the growing edge of His Church and to anticipate His future blessings to youth and through youth in His Church.

The growing pains of becoming an American Church, i.e. to claim the whole community for Christ and not just a tribal segment, were first felt in the youth movement. The first Leagues formed in the nineteenth century were not only to meet the special needs of youth. The language problem, and the concern to reach out beyond a national heritage to the American community, were central. The young people were most sensitive to this contact. They knew they were not in America to speak a foreign tongue in spiritual affairs, while business and pleasure were to be in their new native tongue. Theirs was the new world idiom, and they knew no brogue, no cultural defensiveness. We were not in the new world to look back but to go forward. "Forward with Christ" was the first great theme for the new Church's youth.

It was natural that all that was controversial should have its center in the youth movement. The League had its language controversy, and its evaluations and re-evaluations of evangelism. Stewardship has grown up to maturity within the youth movement, which knew no state church background. Churchmanship within a denominational and sectarian welter of American Churches has been developed through the League. This is true not only of the pastoral and lay leadership

trained through the youth movement, but of an enthusiastic commitment to our Lutheran heritage. The meaning of being a confessional Lutheran within an indifferent secular culture and antagonistic sectarianism has been central in our post-confirmand training program.

A check of past conventions reveals the accuracy of this analysis. We see a lay leader like former Governor J. A. O. Preus speaking at the 1926 convention and urging youth to participate in the American scene, speak its language, and learn its ways. Youth have responded to this kind of encouragement from creative lay leadership to be all things to all men that they may win some. Their conventions have encouraged them not to be ashamed of the Gospel, to be urgent in their Lutheran confession of the faith, loyal and ardent in enjoyment of this rich heritage in Word and Sacrament, and creative in adapting what they have received as a trust. They have been trained through the Leagues not to be parrots repeating a dead past, but to be mature persons in Christ, living spirits, to whom the Holy Spirit is giving what is new that old truths may have incisive meaning in their generation's testimony.

How to interpret and enrich our Lutheran heritage in a different society from a state church and over against competitive and often scornful sectarian groups has been a major theme of the past and continues into the future.

Now where are we going?

We shall still be going forward on our knees, seeking God's will for this generation in His enduring Word. We shall have an increasing self-knowledge of being Lutheran Christians, and we shall see more of what our spiritual and cultural gifts from a rich past have given us to share with fellow Americans.

We can see some of what this will mean in the enrichment of American home and family life as family Bible Camps and congregational retreats are developing. Laymen are using Bible camps for a new kind of spiritual retreat, with time for the discipline of silence and intensive, creative study of the Word of God. We are going to see more of this in the next generation. Men are eager for deeper understanding of the Word. Youth trained in leadership schools in the dynamics of leadership and group functions will apply these lessons to home and parish. Congregations will be knit closer together as families united, not as segments of youth or brotherhood or Ladies' Aids—there is neither age nor sex in the Kingdom—but as families, as the fellowship of Christ.

Youth are learning now the meaning of a fellowship in which there is no imposed pattern or enforced authority by a dominating individual. We shall learn more of what the scriptural teaching of Baptism does to make us brothers and sisters who know the s Savior, the same cleansing and regenerating waters, same saving blood. This is a shared fellowship sinners where we dare confess our faults one to ano and be forgiven and accepted, even as God has cepted us, in spite of our differing individual c acteristics and immaturity. Parents and children, pa and people—brothers and sisters in Christ!

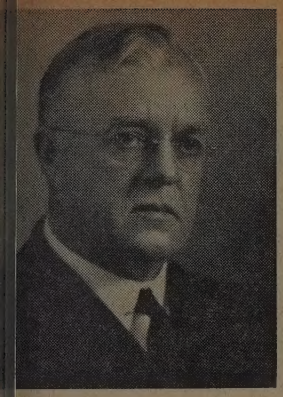
We are not given the gift of vision, but con events cast their shadows before. The warm fellow which the Gospel creates in youth through their Lea participation in Bible camps and leadership schools continue to kindle the fruits of love through the w fellowship of Christ's people.

The YES program indicates what this means for coming of the Kingdom, and the YEA program further the will of God being done on earth as e Christians witness to a dying age. The emphasis on promises, the assurance of faith, will increase the v of our attack on the forces of darkness. We know we who are in Christ are able to do all things thro Him who strengthens us, and that all opposition n break before His Word. We do not need to fear world. We have been re-born to transform it. It n to fear us, and we are hopeful and prayerful that will make the world more fearful of us as we bec more powerful in His promises. High schools and c munities will be transformed through individuals who know the likeness of Christ in the transform power of His Spirit through youth's fellowship in Word. Christ will continue to increase in us, amor us, and through us as our Lord and Savior, Friend Brother.

Our Lord has promised us that this earth belong the meek, those who remain teachable in His W and are convicted and encouraged through His Sp We who have accepted ourselves as His own thro His grace and peace will, as Leaguers in His Chu continue to live under Him and serve Him in e lasting innocence, righteousness, and blessedness.

SCHEDULE OF ELC DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTIONS

District	Date	Place
Canada	July 5-7	Calgary, Alberta, Can.
California	Sept. 1-4	Van Nuys, Calif.
Atlantic	Oct. 12-14	Atlantic City, N. J.
Eastern	Nov. 2-4	Eau Claire, Wis.
North Dakota	Oct. 25-28	Fargo, N. D.
South Dakota	Nov. 2-4	Madison, S. D.
No. Minnesota	Oct. 25-26	Bemidji, Minn.
So. Minnesota	Oct. 26-28	Austin, Minn.
Pacific	Nov. 15-18	Everett, Wash.
Rocky Mountain	Oct. 25-28	Lewistown, Mont.
South Central	Nov. 2-4	Emmetsburg, Iowa



N. M. Ylvisaker
ecutive Secretary, 1919-1941

This Record Stands

jected goals are not always reached. In fact too ny projects fail to accomplish their intended purpose. Next year the Young People's Luther League will brate its fortieth anniversary. The goal set at the e of its organization was an ambitious one, as are projects in the Kingdom of God. Nothing short of lding and winning" our youth for Christ; nothing rt of dedicating them to His service who came to ve all, that was and still is the purpose of this church-le movement. To this mission all its workers have secrated themselves. And those who have given will- service have been witnesses to a great Kingdom acle. They have gone out into the Church with one gdom message, with the call of Christ: "Follow ." There are no side-shows; no side attractions such the world can offer. The Word of God, presented ough messages and League convention programs h Spirit power able to convince and convict and licate, has been used.

And an entire Church has responded with tens of usands of its youth rising up to call Christ Lord, l challenged by Him, they walk boldly forth as wit-sses of a power which still converts and saves men's ls.

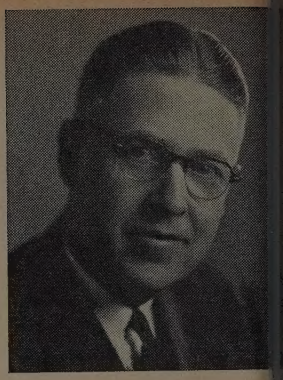
The movement stands on its record. When we look our Church today we see the record of a great mir-e which has been accomplished. Every general officer our Church, including the president, has come up m League connections and League work. The presi-nts of our seminaries, and most of our theological ofessors; the presidents of all our colleges and acad-ies; all our Church district presidents; our Church Council members and most of the district and circuit officers; our departmental secretaries and auxiliary officers; most of our pastors and most of our missionaries; most of our 500 theological students; the majority of our lay delegates to synodical and district conventions; these, together with a long list of men in governmental, political, professional, business, and farming professions, have come into working fellowship with their Church through the inspiration and call to serve which came to them through the faithful ministry of consecrated pastors, using with their confirmation instruction the tested program of the Luther League and its goal of devoted service in the Church.

The record is there for anyone to read. It is an impressive record. Through League meetings and League conventions; through a challenging student Christian program; with a remarkable group of Bible camps, distributed geographically to give coverage of the entire Church, which attract some 20,000 young people annually; with a Bible study movement in its Pocket Testament Movement, which is dedicating some 80,000 young people to a daily study of the Scriptures—these are goals set high enough and inclusive enough to revolutionize the spiritual life of an entire Church.

No wonder the Young People's Luther League has set a standard for Christian church work which has become the envy of every church denomination in our land.

Let's hold our standards high, our goals sure, and our prayers for God's continued blessings fervent and sincere. He is sure to bless those who live in His Word.

We Must Hurry!



Oscar C. Hanson
Executive Secretary
1941-1948

The days of youth move so fast! Our young people change so rapidly. Teen age, young womanhood, young manhood, adulthood! It all happens so quickly. Every year, every month, every week counts. We can never get them back. This 15-year-old chap can never be made fifteen again. If we miss him for Christ at fifteen, that crucial year in his spiritual development will be lost. Consequently, in our youth work—*we must hurry!*

We must hurry so every young person can experience Christ for himself. No person can experience Christ for another. No youth can get to heaven on the faith of his Mom, his Dad, or the rest of the Leaguers in Church. Every person must experience Christ for himself. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; it is they that bear witness to me" (John 5:39). To experience Christ, our young people must have personal knowledge of their Bibles. There is no short cut.

Over the years God has inspired our Young People's Luther League "to hold forth the Word of Life." The Pocket Testament Movement has been at the heart of our League program. Thousands have been inspired to discipline their lives to *daily* Bible reading. Bible study has been at the heart of our Luther League topics. Our Bible camps have made the Bible live for thousands of our youth.

The Luther League theme of 1947 at our Milwaukee convention, *"You Need Jesus Christ,"* has been held before our Leaguers all these years. In that same Word our Leaguers have experienced that the Christian life is a constant fight against the devil, the world, and the flesh, but that victory in daily living does not come by struggle but by faith in this same Christ. Our youth have been called and challenged to a life of separation from evil. They have been called to become soldiers of Jesus Christ, unashamed in spite of ridicule. Thousands of Christ-centered homes have been established by our Leaguers who have taken their Bible-centered League program along into marriage and parenthood. The *YES* program of our League has revolutionized stewardship in many of our congregations.

Personally, I have thanked God many times that this was the emphasis of the youth program in our Church, from the beginning under the consecrated leadership of our first executive director, Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker, and today under the dynamic guidance of our present youth director, Pastor Carroll Hinderlie.

So it must always be! The Church must be the Chur
Our youth program must never build up a Chu
within the Church, but the Luther League is part
the Church and must carry out the business of
Church.

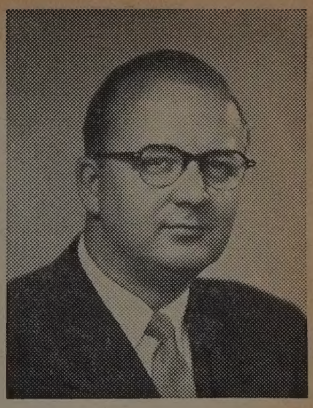
Our Luther League pioneered in evangelism. E
almost a day, our YPLL Board, after having decided
call our first Luther League evangelist, discussed
question whether this new worker should really
called an evangelist. This was before our Lutheran s
ods had organized Departments of Evangelism as
have them now. I shall never forget the statement
Dr. A. E. Hanson, our very outstanding YPLL pr
dent at that time, when he said, "The word 'evangel
has lost its real meaning in many circles. Let us
establish this Biblical term to its right connotation
our Church. Let us begin with our youth." God u
the ministry of Pastor Sig Fauske, our first Lut
League evangelist, and has likewise used our yo
evangelists who followed, in a mighty way.

Then, too, our Leaguers have been trained in perso
evangelism. In our PTR missions, it is a thrill to
our Leaguers as lay visitors go out calling on ot
young people. Youth Evangelist Dar Roa is being u
tremendously to inspire our Leaguers to be concer
about every young person in school, or on the str
who does not know Christ. We thank God for
emphasis. Pastor Hinderlie stated it thus at the yo
session of our last evangelism conference: "Let's
down to business. It is only souls that count."

Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker told our YPLL Board so of
"The Luther League of today is our Church of
morrow." Certainly we see this at every synod
Church convention when we meet delegates who w
our active Leaguers just months ago it seems.
impact of our Luther League program does express it
daily in the adult life of our Church.

May God continue to fill our Luther League bo
and staff with the Holy Spirit so Pentecost power
flow everywhere through the life, program, and acti
of every local Luther League. *But we must hurry!*

Trained to Use Both Hands



Oscar A. Anderson
Executive Secretary,
1948-1954

before sitting down to write these lines I was ing a little "catch" with my young son, an ardent ball fan and an embryonic player. Once he reached his glove for one of my "pegs" with one-handed halance and missed. My fatherly advice was the as it had been on other similar occasions: "Son, ou want to play good ball, you've got to use both ds."

ur Christian lives need that same reminder, because Christian life must use two hands and these two ds are *evangelism* and *stewardship*. To tell and to are both necessary to live out the life and love ch is ours by the Holy Spirit. It is this realization ch has set the course for much that has happened in Church's youth movement during recent years. Our ent youth director put it very succinctly, when he to me in a conversation at our recent church con- ion: "Oscar, we've just got two jobs in our youth ement, and they are to create evangelists and to te stewards of our youth." It is along the lines of double offensive that the forces of our youth pro- n have been deployed.

he Lord has blessed our Church with a youth ement which has won, from its earliest beginnings, acceptance and cooperation of our pastors and lead- Men like Dr. N. M. Ylvisaker gave the movement ure, and the fact that there have been Luther Leagues practically every parish of our Church for the past e decades attests to the acceptance which Christian th work has had among us. Dedicated leadership, as that given by Dr. Oscar C. Hanson, has kept youth movement of our Church committed to Jesus ist with no apologies for a Bible-based program and phasis which put the spiritual health of our youth and foremost.

hus, the stage was admirably set for the stress ch has been laid during the past decade of our her League's history on these two hands—evangel- and stewardship. The personification of the evan- sm emphasis in a "Youth Evangelist" began a sig- cant trend toward the reaching and the teaching of th to be bold witnesses for their Savior. That the ss on preaching to youth has advanced to an empha- on preaching through youth means that we have lized the significance as well as the potential of ining that one hand.

The YES program—Youth Education in Stewardship—was likewise a natural forward step for our youth program because it recognized that to train youth in the use of this hand would mean their intelligent involvement in the entire life and mission of the Church, and not in just their segmented activity. The recent decision of the Church to include the Youth Department in the Budget was a validation of this stewardship training program, for if youth are responsible for the whole Church, the whole Church must be responsible for its youth.

Two things were and still are necessary, however, to insure the training of our Church's youth in the use of both hands. The first is the bold underlining of the need for personal assurance of salvation in Jesus Christ. Youth seek the certainty of faith, especially our Lutheran youth. They want to know where they stand, and when they have that assurance, they are both able and willing to do much more for their Lord than their elders ever dreamed.

The other essential is an opportunity for real training. Youth want to know and they want to know how! Therefore, the leadership school program of our Luther League continues to provide the practical coaching the youth from our congregations require to be vital in their evangelism and steady in their stewardship. It was an awareness of the fact that willingness to do does not automatically provide know-how which prompted the establishment of this part of our Luther League program. For over six years this type of training has borne fruit, not only in terms of more efficient youth actively working in the congregation, but in a deeper sensitivity to the need for youthful evangelists and stewards.

Thus it would not be false to say that Christ is increasing for the youth of our Church as He has used these various means to expand their vision and enlarge their vitality beyond the area of mere "youth activity" into the realm of "youth responsibility" as witnessing, giving Christians and churchmen.

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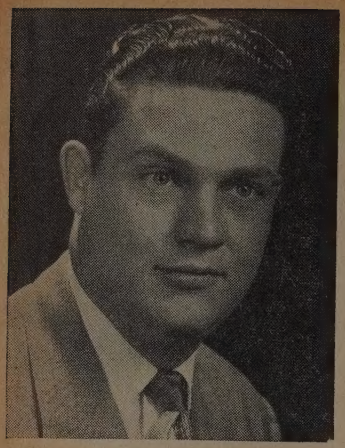

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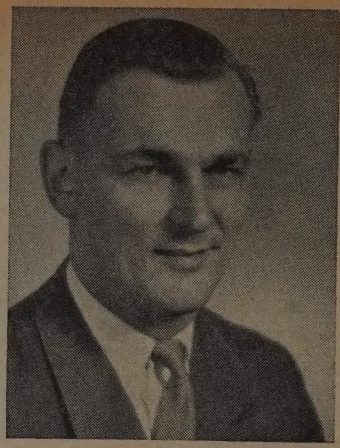

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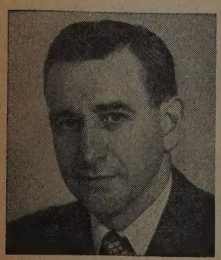

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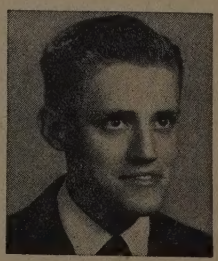

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Christ Increases Through Conserving Confirmands

L. David Brown

ur evangelism program always good stewardship? ely the most hopeful sign of health in church life y is a fortified and fervent interest in evangelism. ngelistic zeal is the breath of life for the Church. most notable upswing of interest in evangelism ur ELC has come through the Preaching-Teaching-ching missions.

vangelism is at the heart of the youth program of Church as well. Under the leadership of Youth ngelism Counselor Dar Roa, plans and programs training youth to witness to youth have seen start- results. Youth-to-youth evangelism, however, has too often been looked upon as an "extra." "Using th for witness is surely a fine idea, and if we had kinds of time and money, we would try to encourage ecomes a typical comment.

Ve spend hours in preparation for a PTR or a ching mission to reach the adults of the congrega- . The biggest single result of such a mission is to ken many who have strayed from their baptismal tionship, or grown cold and weary in their love wonder for Christ. We can rejoice in re-awakened ls and the new converts won to Christ. But we sadly nit that there are precious few who are won or wakened for Christ as adults. Figures are quoted cating that 85% of Protestant church members in erica declare their intention to follow Christ before y are 18 years of age. As few as five per cent are hed after the age of 24.

n the light of this, *are we good stewards in our ngelism impact?* The most crucial years religiously the years of adolescence. Does it not follow that the atest amount of effort and time and money should spent in helping youth for eternity in those years? e irony is that we often spend the least amount of e with this age-group in many of our congregations. r-worked pastors cannot be expected to give more e to holding and winning youth. It demands a great urge of lay concern.

he trouble can be laid to the fact that Satan has g the dark cloud of pessimism over many churches. ese teen-agers have too many other interests now- ys." "We'll lose them for a time, but they'll come k some day." "You just can't get kids interested in spiritual things." Out of such attitudes, two conditions result: a youth program is geared to *entertaining* youth, or it is forgotten altogether. Youth do not want to be entertained by their Church. The turbulence of their age-group, and the turbulence of the age in which they live, demands that they have answers to their spiritual problems.

Imagine what it would mean if just a small portion of the strategy planning, detail work, money expended, promotional program, and evangelization thrust by the average congregation were spent to conserve the post-confirmand age group. These are the most important members of the congregation. It surely could be demonstrated that if more of the Lord's Treasury were channeled into a Christ-centered post-confirmand program, a congregation would spend its resources more wisely.

The Church's basic task is to establish new beachheads for Christ. Evangelizing, not edifying, is the fundamental task. Yet far too many church members believe youth work is "kid's stuff." Every dollar spent on a well-rounded and total program to reach high school youth will pay rich dividends.

Dipping into the archives containing the early history of the ELC youth movement, one finds a single motivating purpose for initiating League work. It was to "keep and win young people in the Church after confirmation age." This was not conceived as being an easy task. But these pioneers did not give themselves over to Satan-inspired gloom as to the possibilities of conserving Christ's youth. On the basis of letters of victory received in the YPLL office, it can be confidently stated that every congregation can keep every single one of its youth. Such victory letters have been received from every conceivable situation—the big city church, multiple parish churches in the Dakotas, churches located in communities where every inducement and enticement is made to wean youth from the Church. The largest factor in a congregation's failure to sustain interest and commitment among teeners is the self-defeating pessimism of viewing it as either a useless or worthless task.

Conserve Christ's confirmands! Let this be the watchword in this fortieth anniversary year of the Young People's Luther League.

Bible Camp Caravaners

This is the finest thing that has happened in the Bible Camp Movement in recent years" writes one enthusiastic dean. Scores of letters from Bible camp deans all over the nation contain similar tributes to the four counseling teams sent out by the Luther League office this summer.

Each team consisted of four outstanding young people from our ELC colleges. The two men and two girls on the team served primarily as counselors, living with campers in their cabins, eating with them, playing with them in the afternoon recreational period, and

One of the Caravan teams: Carl Guthals, Augustana, Martha Ylvisaker, Luther, Linda Hurd, PLC, Odel Bjertnes, Luther, Maxine Swiggum, team captain from YPLL office.

Maxine Swiggum and Martha Ylvisaker prepare their cabin for evening devotions.

praying and visiting with them. They also were called on for various special duties at the camp, such as serving as dean, choir directing, supervising recreation, leading Bible study groups, etc.

Each team was prepared to give group presentations to help the effectiveness of local League work and to tell the story of Christian education, interesting campers in our colleges. One of the teams estimates that as r as 70 campers "turned the corner" in their thin and decided to attend one of our Christian colleg

Counselors and youth had many talks on spir problems and the possibilities of entering church-re vocations. Living with these youth for 24 hours a meant that the caravaners could get very close to t Much spiritual fruit was garnered this summer thr these dedicated youth.

The caravaners were chosen from some 200 applic They applied on a "volunteer" basis, receiving board and room, plus $25 per month for incide Briefing sessions held in early June included di sions in counseling methods, group work, Bible st staff relationships, and the background of the ca ing movement in our Church. A number of ses were spent in talking about how to present the c of Christian education and Luther League work.

The teams were sent out only as servants of the d and staff, with the clear understanding that every c staff runs a Bible camp in a different fashion. T counselors, in other words, were not to give styled "constructive criticisms," but were to be a able to serve the camp dean in whatever way he sired.

The money for this program came largely from erous gifts by WMF groups last year. On the stren of those gifts, and the faith that they would again received, this program was launched. It has also b financed in part by gifts that camps have sent to YPLL office from their surpluses or offerings or di assessment of campers. These gifts from camps h also been used to finance Bible camp workshops deans and other interested camp personnel.

It is the intention of the League office to exp this program next summer. Already a number of quests have been made. Some fifty camps applied year after very short notice of the availability of th teams. Only thirty requests could be filled. It is ho that this number can be doubled next summer.

How Did John Get the Call?

ın is your new pastor. Your teen-age boy asks you, ad, how did Pastor John get called into the ministry?" ou might reply, "We called him." And your reply ntirely right. No matter how much training John ght have had and however convinced he might be t he should be a pastor, had you, the congregation, called him, he could not have been ordained into the y ministry. The congregation, which is the assembly believers or the *Church,* alone has the authority from Lord to appoint or call men into the pastoral office. man is a self-appointed pastor, however persuaded may be of his fitness, until he has the confirming ion of his fellow priests in the congregation.

But your boy might press you, "But when and how d John first get the feeling that he ought to be a stor? What led him to the Seminary?"

There are men who from early boyhood have had as their unswerving purpose to become ministers. Others have arrived at this conviction after years in other occupations. To some the "call" has come swiftly and suddenly, like a meteor streaking across the night sky. To most men it has come with a slow, almost imperceptible awareness. Normally God uses the life of the Church itself to "nudge" a man toward this calling—devout parents, fellow believers in school and at work, earnest pastors and teachers—all reinforcing the witness of Word and Sacrament. Within this cradle of the Church itself, a young man senses the supreme imperative of bringing the saving Gospel to his fellowmen.

Christ's command to go, " . . . baptizing . . . and teaching," was given to the Church, to all believers! Really, therefore, every young man will need to confront the question whether he ought not prepare for the pastoral office. Obviously, some must man the farms, governments, hospitals, and schools. Some must deal in merchandise, manufacturing, and commerce. But if a man has devotion and ability and if his fellow believers give him encouragement, he must face soberly the possibility that he may serve his Lord best by preparing for the pastoral office in the Church, even if no "lightning from heaven" shows the way.

There are men who come to the Seminary wondering, still seeking the answer. Through their studies most of them become confirmed in their purpose, and remain to become pastors; others are reassured that they should enter other vocations, and leave.

If you are a child of God, a living member of the congregation, you are a *priest.* You may be a carpenter or a truckdriver, but each Christian is a priest before God. As a company of priests, it is your duty to pray the Lord that out from your numbers men may be supplied for the pastoral office. And as you pray, you are to be alert to give earnest encouragement to the young men whom you believe could serve you well as pastors. Then continue to follow them with your prayers and encouragement as they pursue their preparation in college and at the seminary.

You—the Church—have asked much of them. Eight years of grade school, four years of high school, four years of college, and four years at the Seminary—this is what you ask, before you summon them to your pulpits. You have insisted that their studies be exacting, so that they can indeed become teachers of the Word and shepherds of souls.

God bless you—and Pastor John. And God bless the Seminary which you have charged with the training of your pastors!

Alvin N. Rogness, President
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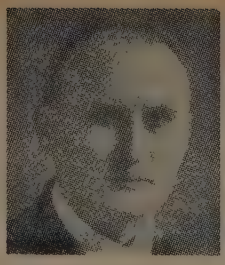

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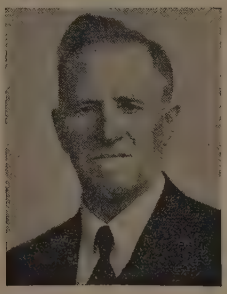

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Food for Two Million

Raymond M. Olson
Director of Stewardship

Nearly 2,000,000 refugees and other needy people in Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, India, Jordan, Yugoslavia, Austria, and Germany are being supplied food in the form of cereal grains in whole or processed form and in the form of dairy products, through Lutheran World Relief. These foods are being handled and distributed at an average cost of less than one cent per pound to LWR. The money used is in a special account of LWR supplied mainly by the All Lutheran Food Appeal (ALFA) from the sale of less than carload lots of grain in rural communities and from gifts of cash given in lieu of commodities.

These surplus commodities are the property of the U. S. Government and have been released to voluntary agencies for overseas distribution. At the time the government made this decision, the All Lutheran Food Appeal was suspended, since it was considered better use of money to take the available commodities and distribute them to the hungry.

These 2,000,000 hungry people will continue to be in need. LWR is prepared to continue the distribution, but its funds will soon be exhausted. A minimum of $300,000 annually will be needed. The ELC will supply part of this money through Lutheran World Action, which is part of the 1956 Budget. But in addition, it is necessary to supply other funds.

Confronted with this situation, the General Convention in June adopted this resolution:

"Whereas, The U. S. Government has acted to release for overseas distribution by voluntary agencies the much needed surplus commodities of wheat, corn, beans and rice, in addition to the dairy products which had previously been released; and,

"Whereas, The All Lutheran Food Appeal has discontinued its operation as the result of this action of the Federal Government; and,

"Whereas, The Lutheran World Action Budget for 1956-59 has not anticipated the increased costs which now arise in connection with the distribution of this generous gift of government-owned commodities; therefore,

"Be It Resolved, That the Convention commends to the congregations and members of The Evangelical Lutheran Church the providing of special funds to be used in bringing these commodities to the hungry people of the world in the name of Christ, such funds to be sent to the treasurer of the ELC designated for "Distribution of Government Surplus Commodities."

Other agencies in our communities will be seeking gifts of grain, but our gifts should be channelled through Lutheran World Relief. Checks should be mailed to Mr. N. H. Nelson, Treasurer, The Evangelical Lutheran Church, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15.

The Doorway to Tomorrow

Harold B. Kildal

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINIT
September 23, 1956

Text: Luke 14:1-11

Someone has said, "Education is the hinge on the way to America's future." It's a good statement, even better when it reads: "Education is the hing the doorway to the future of the Christian chu And, if you will examine the text closely you wil that it was education, real education that Christ offering to the leading educators of His day, the P isees, the men who had traveled through the presc courses of the schools of that time.

What was He offering by way of education? Cer ly there are two fundamental truths involved here. first? This—that one's religion must not be limite a negative approach to life, nor be confined to the r where it quickly becomes a legalistic standard of and conduct. If one's religion is limited to the r it knows nothing about spirit. It is too much con by letter. It knows nothing about love, the warmt kindness and the radiance of a merciful demeano maxim for the religious man could be: "Always let heart be softer than your mind."

The lesson taught, therefore, comes out somet like this—"Religion, the Christian religion, is n more a matter of 'do' than it is a matter of 'do Practice the lesson, friend.

What was He offering by way of education? Th that humility is not only the mark of a truly great r it is also the mark, the "sterling" on the characte the truly religious man. A proud man is seldom if a thankful man. A haughty fellow can never be a of gratitude. He is too much concerned with him his place, his station, his returns, to be thankful anything. But he who is humble, and whose hun is a part of his religious faith, which has grown ou his experience with the truths of God and the lov Christ, is evermore thankful to the Lord for His g ness and mercy. Such a one knows himself to be worthy of the "least of all Thy benefits, O Lord."

Now, if the doorway of tomorrow shall be op wide and if the future generations of men and wo shall pass through the doorway and find the go future of the Christian Church, let the spirit of religion be evident today—now. Let humility of r and heart and life be our chief possession. For honestly recognize that we are not worthy, but saved by grace; that we are not meriting the merc the Lord, but have received it freely as it was give

Good friend—what do you think of it all? And where have you found your place in respect to morrow?

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Epistle: I Corinthians 1:4-8

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Monday, September 24
THE ENRICHERS

Read I Corinthians 1:4-8

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Keep enriching life about you!

Tuesday, September 25
GOD'S BUSINESS

Read Matthew 25:14-30

Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.

God's business is the greatest business on earth and every person who is born into the world is a manager of some part of it. The size of each share differs, to be sure. Sometimes it is a large share and sometimes it is small. But the point is this: whether it is large or small each manager is answerable to God for what he does with what was entrusted to him. Each shareholder is just as responsible.

The story Jesus tells has its climax in the "settling up." "Well done, good and faithful servant!" These words were said to two of the managers. The third did not hear them because he did not deserve them. He had been unfaithful.

How different everything is when it is seen in the light of this parable. A new dimension is given to life. And what we do, no matter how unexciting it may seem to be, is no longer without meaning.

Wednesday, September 26
IT CAN'T BE DONE

Read Romans 10:1-5

For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own. . . .

Christianity is doing something that "cannot be done." It is doing the impossible. And God is the one who gets it done in Christ Jesus.

But Paul was talking about those who thought they could do it themselves. They were "seeking to establish" their own righteousness before God. This they were trying to do by keeping the law. And whether they knew it, or not, they were headed for failure. The reason they were using this route was that they were ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God.

This bold setting out to do the impossible all by yourself is far from being a thing of the past. Even those who have a "smattering" of Christianity still have a feeling that rightness with God depends on what you do, how you behave. But it is *faith* in what Christ has done that does the impossible. This is what we trust.

Thursday, September 27
TAKES MORE THAN SIGNS

Read John 10:22-30

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Friday, September 28
TO BE SURE

Read I John 2:7-11

He who loves his brother abides in the light, and in it there is no cause for stumbling.

People who follow Christ need no other goal than to follow in His footsteps. The wish is to meet life as Christ would meet it and to react to every situation as He would. It is not necessary to put mottos up as reminders, but to be sure of our conduct in relation to others, how good it would be to always remember this: Love, just as Jesus loved.

With that in mind, all the hard words we hear would be answered with kind words. Every clenched fist would be softened with the warm handshake of friendliness. Every evil threat would be turned back with a load of good wishes and a prayer for a change of heart.

In daily living it is not always so simple to "turn the other cheek," as Jesus said we should do. But it is a real part of this important business of living in love. To be sure you are faithful, seek always to live your life in love.

Saturday, September 29
ONE THING

Read Mark 10:17-27

You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

This young man was hungry for something more than he already had. But he went away hungry because he was not able to give up the very thing that stood in the way. In order to get what he was looking for he had to give up something. And this he was unable to do. In his case it was his possessions.

It is not hard for us, if we find that we are not fully yielded to Christ, to set our finger on that "one thing" that is keeping us from Christ, or better, Christ from us. It may be a wrong love of possessions, the hatred of some person, a limited outlook on life. "One thing" can be like a dam holding back the waters of life.

Perhaps we need to ask God to help us root out that one thing so that He may come into our lives with a full measure of His blessing and power.

Gerhard E. Lenski

Washington Comment

THE TREND IN PENSIONS

More and more our nation is inclined to care for the aged and to protect the disabled through pensions. The government has led the way. For a long time now military pensions have been generous, more so than pensions for civilians employed in the government. However, pensions for the latter have been improving steadily, the most marked improvement being that created by the recent Congress under a bill which becomes effective October 1 of this year. By this bill $345 million in added benefits will be made available for those serving in Washington and throughout the land. A government worker, retiring at the age of 60 after 35 years of service and having had a salary as high as $5,000 a year for five years, will receive nearly $3,000 a year as pension. He will receive a proportionately larger amount for longer service and for higher pay over this five-year period, all of which does not make for too bleak an outlook.

Pensions now granted by industry compare favorably with those of the government. A recent study issued by the Bankers Trust Company of New York called, "A Study of Industrial Retirement Plans—1956 Edition," describes the pension systems of the major industries of the land. A great variety is to be noted in these systems. Some pay much, some little. But one trend is discernible: Practically all major industries are now providing pensions for their employed help, and these systems are becoming more generous, more flexible, more serviceable than ever before. Read this 177-page booklet and you may come to the conclusion that some of our great industrial organizations may not be as "soulless" as we thought they were.

A PENSION FOR THE PREACHER

What about the pension system of the Church when compared with that of government and industry? The Church has been trying hard to care for its superannuated pastors, teachers, missionaries, and officials, but there is still much to do. The Episcopalians and the Presbyterians have had good systems in effect for a long time, and they have steadily improved them. Our Methodist friends, likewise, have been alert to this problem of helping the parson keep the wolf from the door. Our Lutheran groups? They lag behind the leaders in this humanitarian effort. The hopeful aspect of the case is that some improvements have been made and others are promised.

It is too early to know what effect Social Security will have on the Church and her clergy. It is to be noted that a considerable number of ministers, now reaching the age of 65, are retiring from active service. There is good reason to believe that Social Security benefits now made available for them are making such retirements possible. This might indicate something more, namely that church pensions have been and possibly still are inadequate. A study of benefits accruing from both ch pensions and Social Security at maximum reveals that the two bined are still barely sufficient to the living costs of a retired pastor his wife.

The hopeful thing is the Chu awareness of the problem. In that nection we become convinced tha Church is not likely to approve the timent of the deacon who made prayer for the pastor and who "Lord, you keep him humble and keep him poor!"

SUICIDE THE WORLD OVE

The World Health Organization recently issued an interesting stati study of suicide the world over. I veals the following facts:

The highest rate for suicide o in Japan, Denmark, Austria, Swi land and Germany, in the c named.

The lowest rate is in Ireland, N ern Ireland, Chile, Scotland and S

The rate in the United States st a little below midway in the scal highest and lowest. In the Un States this rate is three times as for whites as it is for non-whites.

In all the 25 countries studied, rate for men was higher than that women, the highest rate being men over 70 in age and for wo between the ages of 50 and 60.

It is not easy to generalize on basis of statistics and to draw and safe conclusions. This is espec true with such a mysterious thing suicide. Even so, some conclusions pear inescapable. Suicide continue all lands. Material comforts, med skill, psychiatry, increased educatio these do not prevent it. Religion is doubt, a preventative, but even ligion does not stop it. In non-Ch tian and in certain Protestant coun we have the highest rates. In cer Catholic countries we have the low What does that say?

Statistical studies of this sort are without value. Embarrassing as may be, we will do well as though Christians to ponder them and to to profit by them. Suicide is a rea a sad and tragic one. We need understand it better that we may more successful in preventing it.

ere and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Olson

CONSIN AND MISSOURI

a ten-hour debate, the Evangel-utheran Joint Synod of Wiscon-nd Other States voted 108-19 to ue relations with the Lutheran h—Missouri Synod under a "vig-y protesting fellowship." These ns will be reviewed at next year's convention in New Ulm, Min-. Meanwhile the synod's stand-ommittee on matters of Church will "continue to evaluate de-nents" and "synod theologians neet to discuss unresolved ques-

ations between the synods, which embers of the Lutheran Synod-Conference, have been strained doctrinal differences. Resolutions er relations were presented at the nsin Synod's convention a year ut delegates at that time voted to the question this year.

recent convention found satis-n in the Missouri Synod's June n to decline membership in the ran World Federation and to set the Common Confession, a state-of doctrinal unity with the Amer-Lutheran Church.

REVISES CONSTITUTION

American Evangelical Lutheran h adopted a revised constitution 79th annual convention in Mus-, Michigan, and in so doing ap-d a new confessional statement declares that the Bible "is the of God." The action was called significant" in that the 20,000-er denomination of Danish back-d has heretofore held the posi-that Jesus Christ alone is the of God and to elevate the Scrip-or any other to equality with was not in keeping with its st convictions.

key paragraph in the new Ar-II reads: "We believe that the of God, which was Jesus Christ flesh, is living and active for ion in God's people, the Church, proclamation of the gospel and salutary acts of the sacraments. elieve that the Bible (the prophet-ic and apostolic scriptures of the Old and New Testament and the God-inspired, recorded proclamation of the Church) is the Word of God, normative for faith and practice."

The action must be ratified by next year's convention before it goes into effect. The new confessional statement is expected to remove a major obstacle to the AELC's relations with other Lutheran church bodies, particularly in merger negotiations.

LUTHERAN GIVING

The annual statistical summary of the National Lutheran Council showed that the property valuation of the Lutheran Churches in America topped the billion-dollar mark for the third straight year with an increase of $119,098,062 or nine per cent to a record high of $1,357,942,060. At the same time indebtedness increased by 19 per cent to a total of $188,113,286.

In congregational finances, expenditures by the churches for local expenses increased by $21,549,806 to $239,764,103. Contributions to church work at large increased by $6,983,915 to $61,281,385. Total expenditures amounted to $301,045,488, an increase of $28,533,721 over 1954.

CHURCH GROUPS AT MISSOURI FAIR

The 54th annual Missouri State Fair had its most extensive displays by religious groups in its history. Space for distribution of information and literature was taken by the Missouri Council of Churches, the Missouri Baptist Association, the Lutheran Laymen's League, and the Knights of Columbus.

The Council of Churches set up a special exhibit of its world service program, including illustrations of shipments of heifers overseas to aid the underprivileged. A feature of the Lutheran display was the continuous showing of films, playing of hymns, and radio and television programs. The Knights of Columbus exhibit dealt with the organization's information campaign to explain the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Baptists had a general display, plus individual booths for various Baptist institutions.

KOREAN ORPHANS—Three children from the Seventh-Day Adventist Orphanage in Seoul, are shown on their arrival in New York from Korea to be adopted by American parents. With them is Mrs. Grace Kim, a Korean nurse who accompanied the youngsters. The orphans are Chul Jim Kim, who will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William Newhall of Weston, Vermont; Man Yung Choi, five and one half, whose new parents will be Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Barker of Winchester, Mass.; and Sun-Am Bae, eight months, already adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Becht of Medina, N. Y.

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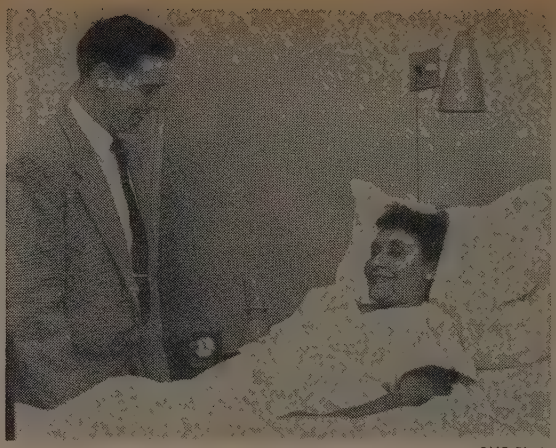
BIBLE READING SUCCESS IN PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOLS

Success of Pennsylvania's law requiring Bible reading in the public schools has been such as to warrant a similar law in other states in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. R. H. Martin, president emeritus of the National Reform Association. He said a recent survey by him showed that the schools of the state were observing the state law without exception and with good results. He sent out 325 questionnaires to county school superintendents, district superintendents, and supervising principals, and received 233 replies.

The replies, he said, showed that the Bible reading requirement is carried out 100 per cent. Not one schoolman reported otherwise. About one half the time the reading is by the teacher in the classrooms. The remainder is by the students.

The 43-year-old statute requires that "at least ten verses from the Holy Bible shall be read or caused to be read, without comment, at the beginning of each school day by the teacher in charge."



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STUDENT HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN—A patient at Massachusetts Memorial Hospit Boston gets some words of comfort and counsel from Richard A. Hennigar of Camb a student chaplain. He is one of a record-breaking class of 45 ministers and theol students taking a course on ministry to the sick and pastoral counseling at the ho a course which started 30 years ago at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary. chaplain-internes, who also are assigned to orderly work, meet with doctors, psychia social workers, and the regular hospital chaplain to understand better the pa illness and problems.

LUTHERAN MEMBERSHIP IN U. S. AND CANADA

Lutheran churches in America reached a combined membership of 7,372,938 in 1955, it has been reported by the National Lutheran Council's Division of Public Relations. According to the annual statistical summary, these churches gained 255,032 members during 1955. This was an increase of 3.6 per cent over the previous year and the same percentage gain as in 1954.

For the 11th consecutive year, the highest numerical increase was made by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Its gain of 75,244 baptized members, or 3.76 per cent over 1954, boosted its total membership to 2,076,379. Over the past 11 years it has averaged an increase of nearly 58,000 annually.

Among the major bodies, The Evangelical Lutheran Church showed the greatest advance on a percentage basis. Its 43,287 additions represent a gain of 4.5 per cent and sent it over the million mark in membership. Close behind was the American Lutheran Church, with an increase of 36,840 members or 4.27 per cent.

Up to 1953, The Evangelical Lutheran Church had the greatest gain on a percentage basis for seven successive years; then the American Lutheran Church held that honor for two years until the ELC regained it in 1955. The greatest percentage gain of all bodies, regardless of size, was achieved by the National Evangelical Lutheran Church, with an increase of 5.3 per cent.

Other gains were reported as follows: Lutheran Free Church, 5.1 per cent; Augustana Lutheran Church, 3.8 per cent; United Lutheran Church in America, 2.9 per cent; Joint Synod of Wisconsin, 1.8 per cent; United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5.1 per cent; Suomi Synod, 4.5 per cent; American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2.2 per cent; Lutheran Brethren, 4.8 per cent and Negro Mission, 3.9 per cent.

The only loss was sustained by the Eielsen Synod, which decreased 50 members, or 3 per cent, to 1,575.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The Civil Aeronautics Board has cleared the way for airlines to inaugurate reduced rate transportation on a space-available basis for clergymen. It said no further action is needed to implement the law enacted by ... gress and signed recently by Pres... Eisenhower. Any U. S. air carri... foreign air carrier that wants to ... reduced passage to ministers ... simply publish and file the prope... tice to the board. . . . Swift oppos... by clergymen helped to nip in the... a proposal to convert the Dayton, ... speedway into a harness horse-ra... strip with parimutuel betting. A s... of protest came from church lea... the Chamber of Commerce, the F... Merchants Association, the press, ... public officials. . . . Admissio... Communist China to the United ... tions has been opposed by the Kn... of Columbus, Roman Catholic frat... organization. . . . Three hundred ... posts are being erected by the I... government to mark Biblical and ... torical sites throughout the cou... They are designed to aid tourists ... link the ancient Kingdom of ... with the modern Israeli state. ... markers are lettered in English ... Hebrew. . . . The Ministry of Fo... Affairs and Cults has agreed to re... Roman Catholic religious instru... in Argentina's state primary sch... following a request from Catholi... thorities. The instruction will be ... on Saturdays when no other classe... held.

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Rev. Hoover T. Grimsby, senior of Ascension Church, Milwau- Vis., has been elected chairman Milwaukee Metropolitan Crime tion Commission. Members of up are appointed by the city and to prevent and check criminal cies within the metropolitan

Rev. E. S. Ede has terminated a ar pastorate of St. Olaf Church, odge, Iowa, and was installed as of Grace Church, Fairmont, on Sept. 9. Installing officer was t President E. C. Reinertson.

Rev. Maynard G. Halvorson, ly pastor of St. Paul's Church, apolis, has arrived in Honolulu, ii, to begin work in a new Home n congregation. On the journey nolulu, Pastor Halvorson con- services on board the S.S. **Lur-** unday, Aug. 19.

Rev. Henning Olsen, pastor of hauvin parish, Alberta, Canada, ccepted a call to the Sarles- ah parish in North Dakota. He egin his new ministry in October.

Rev. L. L. Helstedt, Veblen, k., has accepted a call to the elical-Zion parish, Clam Falls, and will move about Oct. 15.

s **Betty Aasgaard,** formerly of Mills, Iowa, is the new parish r at Good Shepherd, Moorhead, , the Rev. S. D. Sorgen, pastor. duate of St. Olaf, Miss Aasgaard t in the Forest City High School ear.

honor of the fiftieth anniversary e ordination of the **Rev. J. O. berg,** family and friends gave a r at the Chieftain Hotel, Council , Iowa, July 29. Pastor Wangberg l parishes at Mohall, N. Dak., , Iowa, Bowman, N. Dak., Rolfe, and Ottosen, Iowa. Two of his re ministers: Reuben at Madison, k., and G. O. at Calamus, Iowa.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL— Pictured is the Pocket Testament banquet at one of three Luther League leadership schools held at St. Olaf College during the summer. Two were from the Southern Minnesota District, the third from the Eastern District. Each included daily classes and instruction periods with intensive study in the areas of evangelism, Bible study, and program study.

NEW CHURCH AT SPRINGFIELD, MINN.—Pictured is the new church structure of St. John's, Springfield, Minn., the third house of worship erected by the congregation since its organization. Dedication services were held June 17. The church, built of Kasota stone, cost $102,000. Seating capacity is 300, with additional overflow facilities for 150. There is also a social room and chapel. Pastor is the Rev. J. O. Jovaag.

Eighty-four years old and retired, Pastor Wangberg lives at Council Bluffs.

The Rev. R. L. Boxrud, formerly pastor of the Sarles-Hannah parish, Sarles, N. Dak., has accepted a call to the Watson, Minn., parish and will begin his new work Nov. 1.

Dr. and Mrs. N. Astrup Larsen, Decorah, Iowa, sailed for Norway Sept. 5. They will remain abroad until next June. In Norway their address will be: Hall Hotell-Pension, Fritznersgt. 21, Oslo, Norway.

The Rev. Odean Monson, Petersburg, N. Dak., died in a hospital at Bemidji, Minn., Sept. 1. Funeral services at Petersburg were Sept. 4 and at Norway Church, Garretson, S. Dak., Sept. 6. Obituary later.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Massapequa, N. Y. On Aug. 5, the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Flaten were commissioned for missionary service in the Sudan, French West Africa. The ceremony took place at St. John's Church, the Rev. Russell B. Helgeson, pastor. This congregation will sponsor Pastor and Mrs. Flaten. Dr. Rolf A. Syrdal, executive director of the Department of Foreign Missions, preached at all three morning services and performed the act of commissioning. The newly commissioned missionaries sailed for France Aug. 17, where they will spend a year in language study.

Chicago, Ill. The Lutheran Choir of Chicago, an inter-synodical Lutheran group, is preparing for its tenth anniversary season. Made up of Lutherans of all groups, it has since its inception been directed by Mr. Gerhard P. Schroth. In February, 1957, it will participate in the P.T.R. mission in the Chicago area and will give a number of concerts.

Southern Minnesota

Kiester, Minn. Members of Immanuel Church surprised Pastor and Mrs. Howard Gravrock Aug. 5 with a triple-purpose reception: welcome home from vacation, tenth wedding anniversary, and the birthdays of both pastor and wife, which fall on Aug. 21. Mr. Sidney Flo, president of the congregation, presented them a gallon pail filled with greetings and monetary gifts.

North Dakota

Enderlin, N. Dak. Joint parish installation services will be held by the congregations of the parish Sept. 23, at which time District President L. E. Tallakson will install the Rev. Joel T. Peterson. Pastor Peterson formerly served the parish at Walhalla, N. Dak.

Pacific

Longview, Wash. Emmanuel Church, the Rev. Frank L. Erickson, pastor, conducted a summer preaching mission July 29-Aug. 2, with Dr. Oscar C. Hanson of the Division of Evangelism as the guest preacher. Although holding such a mission in mid-summer was in the nature of an experiment, attendance was splendid. The pastor states that it is the plan to continue holding summer preaching missions in the future. In addition to preaching at regular services, Dr. Hanson spoke over the radio daily, met with many special groups, and was available for personal counselling.

Seattle, Wash. Ballard First Lutheran honored the Rev. Arnold F. Anderson and family at a farewell reception Aug. 19 and presented a generous purse. District President H. L. Foss was among the speakers. Pastor Anderson was installed in his new parish, Portsmouth Trinity, Portland, Oregon, on Sept. 9.

ANNIVERSARIES

Centennial at North Prairie

The centennial of its founding was observed August 26-Sept. 2 by North Prairie Congregation, west of Rushford, Minn., the Rev. S. Theo. Severtson, pastor. Included in the annive events were the following: Augu dedication of new organ, District dent E. C. Reinertson; organ co Mr. Sam Ellson. August 31, L Aid guest night; speaker, Mrs. Branstad, national WMF pres September 1, confirmand reunion Reinertson. Sept. 2, Festival wo Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, preside the ELC; afternoon, the Rev. No Benson, Galesville, Wis.; evening, Communion, Dr. O. G. Malmin, of **Lutheran Herald.** Mr. Severtso been pastor of North Prairie since

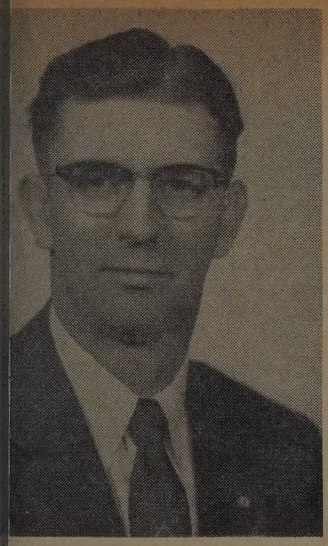
Double Golden Anniversary

Ekelund and Bethany congrega Goodridge, Minn., the Rev. A Heltne, pastor, commemorated founding fifty years ago by ho simultaneous anniversary festi July 15, with services in each o churches. Two former pastors prea the Rev. V. O. Aaker and O. O. gan, alternating between the churches. Other pastors taking were N. A. Skogerboe and G. W. The parish, which consists of congregations, is planning to bu new parsonage in the near future

Ninetieth Anniversary at Lyst

Lyster Church, nine miles nort of Nelson, Wis., the Rev. J. C. Th son, pastor, will celebrate a com ninetieth anniversary and missio tival September 23. Dr. Alvin N. ness, president of Luther Theol

LUTHER LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS—Pictured are two young people, Gayle Portic Malon Anderson, members of the Luther League of Grace Church, Sioux Falls, S. the Rev. Arvid Bidne, pastor. They are shown receiving from the pastor scholarsh attend the Luther League leadership school recently held on the campus of Aug College. Grace Congregation was organized not quite a year ago.



BOYS' WORK DIRECTOR

recent appointment of Maynard k of Milan, Minn., as Boys' director for the Southern Minne- District Brotherhood has been an- ed jointly by District President e Baardseth and Loren M. Ness, al director. Estwick was raised at ord, S. Dak., served for five years e armed services and lived in een after his marriage in 1944. as engaged in the lumber business erdeen and also served for a term cuit Brotherhood President. The cks moved to Minnesota in 1955.

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ary, will preach a mission ser- at the forenoon service and de- the anniversary address at the oon service. The Rev. Harold L. land, Mondovi, Wis., will speak onfirmand reunion.

UARIES

Mrs. S. G. Hauge

. S. G. Hauge, wife of the Rev. Hauge, for 54 years pastor at ey, Minn., died suddenly in a al at Fargo, N. Dak. Aug. 15. and Mrs. Hauge, who have been in Morris, Ill., were on a trip nnesota when she was stricken. al services were at the Hawley ran Church August 18, conducted e Rev. C. F. Turmo, local pastor. . N. Brown, president emeritus ncordia College, preached the ser- The Rev. Maynard Stokka, Haw- lso spoke. Among messages re- was one from Dr. J. A. Aas- , life-long friend of the family. s. Hauge (nee Anna Thompson) was born at Peterson, Minn., Dec. 13, 1876 and also lived at Rushford, Minn., and Toronto, S. Dak. She attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls. She was married to Pastor Hauge in 1900 and went with her husband to Hawley where they served together for 54 years. Two years ago she suffered a heart attack and had been in failing health since then.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. John B. Larson, Morris, Ill.; Mrs. R. A. Gunnarson, Houston, Texas; Haakon, Rockford, Ill.; Soren, Morris, Ill.; and Gabriel S., Washington, D.C. There are ten grandchildren.

Otis S. Peterson

Otis S. Peterson, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. N. O. Peterson, Delavan, Minn., died July 14 at Benson, Minn., in his 42nd year. Funeral services were held July 18 at Our Redeemer's Church in Benson, the Rev. H. S. Nesheim officiating. Otis Peterson was born Aug. 20, 1914, in Minneapolis. He was graduated from St. Olaf College and later did graduate work at the University of Minnesota. Since 1946 he had taught English and journalism at the Benson High School. He is survived by his wife, nee Annetta Anderson, two sons, two daughters, his parents, a brother, and two sisters. Mr. Peterson was an accomplished writer; some of his stories have appeared in translation in **Jul i Vesterheimen.** He was an active member of Our Redeemer's Church, Benson, Minn.

Mrs. O. Qualen

Mrs. O. Qualen, wife of the Rev. O. Qualen, Los Angeles, Calif., died Aug. 27. Funeral services were held at the Solheim Home for the Aged, at which Pastor and Mrs. Qualen have lived the past two years, Supt. S. D. Disrud being in charge of the service. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery, the Rev. T. G. Torvik officiating. Mrs. Qualen, whose maiden name was Anna Heggelund, was born in Norway Jan. 25, 1875. She came to this country in 1888 and lived at Northfield, Minn., Madison, Wis., and Minneapolis. In 1896 she was married to the Rev. Olaus Qualen and shared with him the life of the parishes to which they were called.

Axel M. Chriss

Axel M. Chriss, long an active and consecrated member of Ballard First Church, Seattle, Wash., died July 28. Funeral services were at First Church August 1. Born in Minneapolis Sept. 22, 1878, he spent most of his adult years in Seattle, working as a railroad clerk. In his congregation he was financial secretary for 13 years, was the first president of the men's club, and was active in promoting youth work.

Mrs. Ludvig Larsen

Mrs. Ludvig Larsen (Else Melby), Underwood, Minn., died August 11 after a brief illness. Services were conducted at Sverdrup Church at Underwood. She was born in Feiring, Norway, in 1873. Throughout her life she

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"PRO DEO" AWARDS IN ALASKA—Five Boy Scouts, members of Central Church, Anchorage, Alaska, recently received the "Pro Deo et Patria" awards. They are, left to right above: Jon Peterson, Ted Odman, Douglas Mjorud, Dennis Granum, and Leigh Lowther. Standing behind the boys are Scoutmaster Lloyd Lowther and Pastor A. Herbert Mjorud.

was active in the church, particularly in the WMF, and was a devoted Christian mother. She is survived by her husband and three sons: Lars, pastor of Our Savior's Church, Moorhead; Carl and Albert, both farmers at Underwood.

Prof. George H. Ellingson

George H. Ellingson, professor of German at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., 1917-1943, died Aug. 8, in his 86th year. Funeral services were held Aug. 13 at St. John's Church in Northfield, the Rev. Boral Biorn officiating. President Granskou spoke on behalf of the college, and Dr. Herman E. Jorgensen on behalf of Red Wing Seminary alumni. Born in Goodhue County, Minn., Dec. 25, 1870, George Ellingson did his college preparatory work at Red Wing Seminary and his college work at the University of Minnesota. Later he did post graduate work at German universities, during two study periods in Germany. From 1898 to 1905 he taught at Augustana College, Canton, S. Dak., and from 1905 to 1917 he taught German in the college department of Red Wing Seminary, transferring in 1917 to St. Olaf College. In 1898 he married Alhilda Stoep, who survives him together with a son and a daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Montevideo Circuit WMF Sept. 27 at Drywood Church, 13 miles north, one mile west of Appleton, Minn.

Fall Festival and Dedication at Tokio Lutheran Mission, south of Tokio, N. Dak., Oct. 14. The building purchased last fall to be the center for work among the Indians on the Fort Totten Reservation, will be dedicated. Services at 11:00, 3:00, and 8:00.

Denver Circuit WMF at Our Savior's, Denver, Oct. 10-11.

Thief River Falls Circuit WMF Workers' Conference at Pauli Church, Greenbush, Minn., Sept. 20. First session at 10:00 a.m.

Bismarck Circuit WMF at First Church, Mandan, N. Dak., Sept. 28.

Milwaukee Circuit WMF Oct. 11, Bethesda Church, Racine, Wis.

Lac qui Parle Circuit WMF, Fall convention, Sept. 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Dawson, Minn.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF PASTORS

Myron C. Austinson, 1705 St. Mary's Avenue, Janesville, Wis., 8-28-56

Walter Baertschi, Rt. 2, Amery, Wis., 8-28-56

Dewey L. Brevik, 1012 St. Olaf Avenue, Northfield, Minn., 9-30-56

James Christensen, 8801 18th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn., 9-1-56

G. O. Evenson, 801 DeMun St., St. Louis 5, Mo., 9-1-56

Loyal E. Golf, c/o First Luth. Church, Broadway at 7th Avenue North, Fargo, N. Dak., 9-1-56

John N. Ottesen, Santal Mission, 803 Phoenix Bldg., Minneapolis 1, Minn., 9-29-56

Lowell J. Satre, Box No. 1-204, c/o Saltnes (Norseville), Princeton, N. J., 9-1-56

NEWLY ORDAINED

Orwoll O. Anderson, State Training School, Red Wing, Minn., 9-1-56

Robert O. Evans, 322 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minn., 8-27-56

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88 acre farm, Goodhue Co., Minn., 45 mi. from Twin Cities, on county highway. 62 acres under plow. Grade A milk house, on school bus route, 5 mi. from town. Modern house with built-in cabinets, good soil and building. 1 mi. from Lutheran church. Owner retiring. 479-1A

360 acre farm, Pope Co., Minn., 4½ mi. from town, at least 290 acres crop land, balance good pasture, fine laying land. 7 rm. modern house, 32x60 barn with 15 stanchions and drinking cups, hog house, chicken house, granary, machine shed; phone and electricity. $55.00 per acre. All bldgs. in good condition. 479-2A

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And I heard a voice from heaven s Write, Blessed are the dead who die i Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the S that they may rest from their labors; for works follow with them. Revelation

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Olson, Mrs. Chris, Kiester, Minn., $213.
Olson, Mrs. Emelian, Stanhope, Iowa, $4
Olson, George, Audubon, Minn., $2.
Olson, Knute, Granite Falls, Minn., $5.
Olson, Lena, Leene, No. Dak., $7.
Olson, Mrs. Leo G., Randall, Iowa, $62.
Olson, O., Crosby, No. Dak., $2.
Olson, Paulina, Louisburg, Minn., $1.
Paulson, Lars, Ayr, No. Dak., $1.
Paulson, Paul F., Blooming Prairie, Minn.,
Peterson, John, Mabel, Minn., $2.
Robertson, Mrs. Robert L., Blooming P Minn., $50.
Rue, Thorwald E., Minot, No. Dak., $10.
Skeie, Mrs. Henry, Randall, Iowa, $21.
Smith, Earl E., Osakis, Minn., $129.

Anne, Grand Meadow, Minn., $535.33
Paul, Madison, Minn., $43.50
Mr. Culver, Minn., $3.
Mr. Audubon, Minn., $2.
T. K., Towner, No. Dak., $13.
Mrs. T. N., Ada, Minn., $5.
Bernt, Ada, Minn., $5.
Jonas L., New Exeland, No. Dak., $2.
Robert, Modena, Wis., $5.
n, Mrs. Aletta, Eagle Grove, Iowa, $22.
Bonnie, Cambridge, Iowa, $2.
, Theodore, Turtle Lake, No. Dak., $3.
Knute, Audubon, Minn., $2.
idney, Dekalb, Illinois, $5.
elmer, Waukon, Iowa, $34.
Emelia, Dawson, Minn., $4.
Mrs. Jens, Velva, No. Dak., $72.
Paul Allen, Dawson, Minn., $3.
Mrs. Audubon, Minn., $2.
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Mrs. Carrie, Gary, So. Dak., $31.
n, Henning, Genesco, No. Dak., $104.
n, Mrs. J. N., Huxley, Iowa, $5.
n, Vidor, Westbrook, Minn., $5.
Ingebor, Montfort, Wis., $2.
Mrs. Ed., Clark, So. Dak., $10.
. O., Dawson, Minn., $5.
n, Gust, Forest City, Iowa, $11.25
Charles, Menomonie, Wis., $5.
Mrs. Roy, Pleasant Lake, No. Dak., $3.
, Marie, Hawley, Minn., $6.
, John, St. James, Minn., $14.75
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Tom, Windom, Minn., $5.
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Mrs. John, Fergus Falls, Minn., $5.
Walter, Donaldson, Minn., $5.
Diane, Hartington, Nebr., $2.
arl, Waseca, Minn., $26.
nl, Emil, Madison, Minn., $1.
ia, Jackson, Minn., $3.
son, Mrs. Thora, Wautoma, Wis., $5.
n, Lila Elliot, Shevlin, Minn., $8.48
Sam, Lyle, Minn., $38.
Mrs. Walter, Decorah, Iowa, $10.
Mrs. Lavern, Waseca, Minn., $5.
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Henry, Dawson, Minn., $149.
on, L. P., Cottonwood, Minn., $6.
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Mrs. Benedict, Little Falls, Minn., $29.
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Mrs. Ole, Lake Crystal, Minn., $40.
Ted, Shelly, Minn., $3.
nd, Mrs. Lena, Lyle, Minn., $30.
son, John, Luverne, Minn., $12.
dson, Harold, Arlington, So. Dak., $1.
ns, David H., Waseca, Minn., $5.
n, Mrs. Elizabeth, St. Cloud, Minn., $3.
Oscar, Westbrook, Minn., $11.
n, Hjalmer, Madison, Minn., $57.
n, Julius, Kloten, No. Dak., $5.
Fred, Maynard, Minn., $5.
, John A., Onawa, Iowa, $10.
, Mrs. Sarah, Fertile, Minn., $39.
n, Albert, Effie, Minn., $2.50
d, Harlan, Brandt, So. Dak., $6.
, Halvor, Brandt, So. Dak., $53.
, Theo H., Elbow Lake, Minn., $27.
n, Maggie, Lanesboro, Minn., $7.75
n, Peter, Lanesboro, Minn., $5.
, Mrs. John, Wanamingo, Minn., $3.
Mrs. Martin, De Smet, So. Dak., $2.
na, Newman Grove, Nebr., $1.
ld, William, Decorah, Iowa, $29.
n, Mrs. Elise, Menomonie, Wis., $5.
August, New Richland, Minn., $4.
e, Adolph, Cottonwood, Minn., $9.
d, Olaf, Shevlin, Minn., $2.
Henry A., Madison, Minn., $70.
Nels, Milbank, So. Dak., $8.
Mrs. Adolph, Epping, No. Dak., $5.
Mrs. Amanda, Rushford, Minn., $12.
Miss Hilma, Lansing, Iowa, $25.
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Mrs. P. O., Hartington, Nebr., $5.
n, Mrs. John O., Frederic, Wis., $3.
n, J. August, Wanamingo, Minn., $9.
n, Mrs. Jonetta, Lansing, Iowa, $2.
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, Ingolf Melvin, Cottonwood, Minn., $9.
Ingman, Jackson, Minn., $30.
n, Mrs. Ella, Calmar, Iowa, $5.
Verne, Mt. Vernon, So. Dak., $35.
Clara, Lanesboro, Minn., $11.
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n, Charles, Buxton, No. Dak., $6.
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